

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-25 and 28-42 are pending in the present application, of which claims 1, 16, 21, 25, and 30 are independent. Claims 1, 5-6, 8-10, 16, 21, 24-25, 30, 32, and 34 are amended.

The courtesies extended to Applicant's representative by Examiner Thuy Dao during the interview held on August 7, 2008, are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicant's record of the interview.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

In section 5 on pages 2-3, the Office Action objects to claims 16, 21, and 25 for minor informalities. Specifically, the Examiner requires recitation of "a computer-readable recording medium" in all of these claims. In response, claims 16, 21, and 25 have been amended accordingly. In addition, as agreed during the interview on August 7, 2008, the Amendment adds "embedded in a computer-readable recording medium" to claim 1. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection to claims 16, 21, and 25.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(E) AND 103(A)

In section 8 on pages 3-18, the Final Office Action rejects claims 1-25 and 28-42 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,785,706 to Horman (hereinafter "Horman"), U.S. Patent No. 6,742,029 to Vasamsetti et al (hereinafter

"Vasamsetti"), and Published U.S. Patent Application No. 2004/0268298 to Miller et al (hereinafter "Miller"). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections as described below.

Independent claims 1, 16, 21, 25, and 30 recite "ignoring extra user parameters in a user parameter set when an old version of a user parameter set is used with a modified command script template" (emphasis added). Support in the specification for the subject matter added to the independent claims can be found in, for example, paragraph [0051].

Applicant respectfully submits that Horman and Vasamsetti do not disclose, teach, or suggest the subject matter quoted above. As correctly conceded by the Examiner on page 4 of the Office Action, Horman does not disclose a versioning module ensuring that appropriate user parameter sets are used. Accordingly, Horman cannot distinguish old versions of user parameter sets. On page 4, the Examiner also correctly concedes that Vasamsetti does not disclose versions of user parameter sets, so Vasamsetti cannot distinguish old versions of such sets.

Miller fails to remedy the deficiencies of Horman and Vasamsetti. Although the Office Action asserts that Miller discloses versions of user parameter sets, Miller does not describe "ignoring extra user parameters" for old versions of such sets. Accordingly, as discussed during the interview on August 7, 2008, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 16, 21, 25, and 30 are allowable over the references of record for at least these reasons.

Claims 2-15 depend from allowable claim 1, claims 17-20 depend from allowable claim 16, claims 22-24 depend from allowable claim 21, claims 28 and 29 depend from allowable claim 25, and claims 31-42 depend from allowable claim 30. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-15, 17-20, 22-24, 28-29, and 31-42 are allowable at least by virtue of their

respective dependencies upon allowable independent claims. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1-25 and 28-42 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

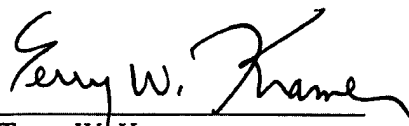
CONCLUSION

In light of the previous remarks, withdrawal of the rejections of record and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

While we believe that the instant amendment places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

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